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"Linking Publishers, Vendors and Librarians"

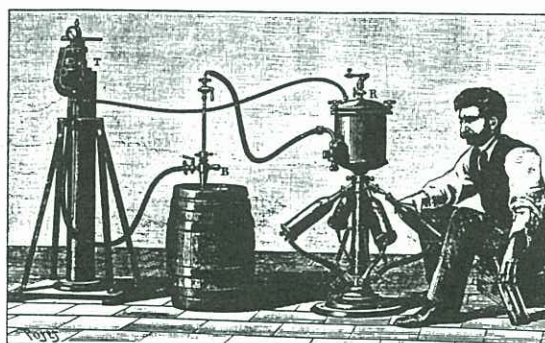
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Only Connect: Community Networks, Libraries, and the Case of Charlotte's Web

by William Fietzer (8410 Gidleigh Ct., Charlotte, N.C. 28216) <ali00whf@unccvm.uncc.edu>

Almost a century ago E. M. Forster admonished the insular classes of England to heed this deceptively simple advice. His novel, *Howards End*, delineated how the various factions of English society could integrate to form a harmonious fabric. The United States at that same time was experiencing a crisis in public policy: what to do with the hordes of aliens immigrating to this country every year. Librarians responded by reaching out to the disadvantaged in their communities and integrating them into the fabric of American society. Their method? Education—they taught the immigrant poor how to read.

Eighty-five years later Americans face another divisive public policy issue. The schism



this time centers around the information haves and the information have-nots and the power that such information provides. Librarians again are reaching out to connect with their commu-

nities. This time they're educating the information poor electronically through what are called community networks.

What these networks are and their import for librarians forms the basis of this paper. Along with other examples, *Charlotte's Web* will provide the touchstone on what mainstream community networks can and will accomplish.

What They Are

Community networks are electronic information services that enable people of a particular community or region to communicate and inform one another about current issues

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If Rumors Were Horses

Well, rumors seem to come in waves. Nothing will happen and then — whap — rumors are everywhere. Here's the latest from **Blackwell's**. The operations of **Blackwell North America**, the UK based Library Bookselling Division of **BH Blackwell**, **JMLS** and **James Bennett** (Australia) will now report directly to **Fred Philipp**, currently President and CEO of **Blackwell's Delaware, Inc.** This move is designed to bring Blackwell's global Bookselling operations under common management and thus provide the basis for further evaluation of technical and operational integration opportunities and to drive improvements across all Blackwell's Book operations. All Blackwell's international Journal Agency operations are also now to come under single management and the company is currently recruiting a global Managing Director to take responsibility for the UK and US (Readmore) operations. **Alan Smith** will remain as Director in charge of BH

Blackwell's UK Periodicals Division. Among other management changes, **Doug Fox** (Managing Director of BH Blackwell UK, a Blackwell subsidiary) will be leaving the company, having contributed valuably to future planning. **Suzanne Wilson Higgins** has been appointed to the Board of B H Blackwell and will take overall responsibility for the development and

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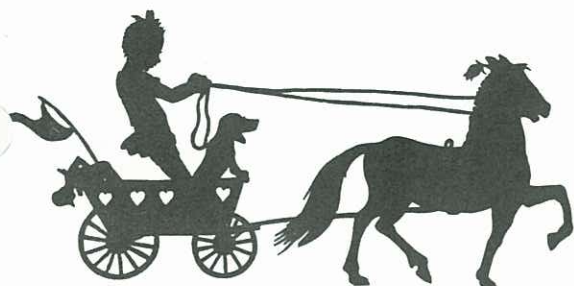
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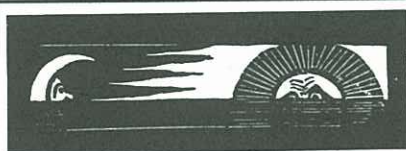
Out of the corner of our eyes, I guess a lot of us have been watching the hurricanes down there in the depths of the Atlantic. But the season is finally over, and things look brighter again. This is the **Charleston Conference** issue of *Against the Grain* and, boy, is it packed with information that I hope all of us will talk about during the Conference and afterwards.

Features this time are on connectivity, consortia, and fulltext by **Tony Wening**, **Gay Dannelly** and **Bill Fietzer**. We have a couple of reactions to items in the September issue of *ATG* by **Barry Fast** (approval plans, page 79) and **Papa Lyman** (page 77) who is back full force with this issue. A great standards article on EDIFACT by David Martin is on page 87.

And, last but definitely not least, PLEASE fill out the questionnaire in this issue (pages 83 and 84) unless you have done so from the homepage or from the Sept. issue. Mail it to us NOW.

Well, y'all, we have another issue to go which will be published for **ALA Midwinter**, just in time for the new year. In the meantime, have a couple of great holidays! And fun at the **Charleston Conference**!

Yr. Ed. 



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launch of **Blackwell's Electronic Journal Navigator** and continue in her role as Head of Marketing Development.

And the awesome, experienced, and hard-working **Linda Moran** is the new marketing representative for the Northeast and Middle Atlantic States for **Ambassador Book Service**. Linda was formerly the Vice President and Manager of Approval Plan Services at **Ballen Booksellers** and Senior Product Manager of the Medical Library Division at **Blackwell North America**.

More from **Ambassador**. As an active **PromptCat Vendor**, they will be working with their first client — **Lockheed Martin's Research Library in Oak Ridge, Tennessee**. Also, Ambassador can now offer complete cataloging and technical processing for non-print materials as well as print materials.

In **From the Reference Desk** last time (v.8#4, pg.40), we listed the price of Holt's *Encyclopedia of Cultural Anthropology* as \$495. **Audrey Melkin** <103176.710@CompuServe.COM> writes that it should have been \$395. Oops.

Here are a couple of items from **CARL** and **UnCover** — some sneak previews of things that will be launched full scale at ALA Midwinter. First is access to the full range of **DIALOG** databases through **CARLWeb**. CARLWeb is getting a really cool re-design and Dialog databases will be site licensable through CARL on a per

user basis. Dialog is one of the richest sources of online information in the world. **CARLWeb** will allow libraries to offer their users unmediated search access to customizable "packages" of Dialog databases via their own campus networks.

Second item — **UnCover's Reveal** email alerting service now has almost 50,000 subscribers. Through an arrangement with **Academic Book Center**, Reveal will begin offering subscribers the ability to have their Reveal profiles matched weekly against MARC records for new approval books supplied by AcBC. Reveal subscribers who wish to purchase books cited in their Reveal alerts may do so by reply email directly to Academic Book Center.

Duke's new university librarian **David Ferriero** from MIT began his new job in October.

This off of **Acqnet** (what did we do without it)? **SISAC**, the **Serials Industry Systems Advisory Committee**, is pleased to announce its new Internet list, **SISAC-L**. The purpose of **SISAC-L** is to conduct **SISAC** business, to distribute **SISAC** announcements and publicity, and to discuss initiatives underway by **SISAC** and its subcommittees. All **SISAC** members and interested parties are invited and encouraged to subscribe and participate. The list will be unmoderated, but only subscribers to **SISAC-L** may post messages to the list. To subscribe to **SISAC-L**, please send a message with no subject line to: <listserv@sun.readmore.com> that reads: <subscribe sisac-l firstname lastname>.

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Talked to the vivacious **Judy Luther** the other day. She is no longer with ISI but stay tuned for her greener pastures ...

Glen Secor <GSecor@YBP.com> writes that he will most likely not be attending the **Charleston Conference** because he has lots of family commitments plus a friend of his is running for Governor. And, in addition, he will be teaching a 3-credit **Copyright Law** course next semester at **Franklin Pierce Law Center** in Concord, NH.

And **Michael Boswood** is no longer with Elsevier/Pergamon.

The incredible **Julie Gammon** <R1JAG@VM1.CC.UAK-RON.EDU> just got back from the **SSP Top Management Roundtable** (which I heard from several sources was fabulous, by the way). Julie has a long, unbroken string of **Publisher Bestseller** columns in *ATG*. Check out the latest in this issue, page 62.

Did you read the **Dora Biblarz** <biblarz@asu.edu> interview with **Mike Markwith** in the last issue of *ATG* (v.8#4, page 34)? It puts a new, fresh perspective on the **Richard Abel** story. Dora is planning on coming to Charleston and she says her job is going really well. She had a "Customer Service Training" Program Launch a few weeks ago which was a great success and now the small group training seminars which are about to begin will run through the Fall. On top of everything else, Dora also had a great trip to **IFLA** in Beijing. We are waiting for her meeting report on that meeting. Watch for it soon.

Have you met **Charles Harmon** <CTHarmon@aol.com>, editor of *The Bottom Line*? Charles will be at the upcoming **Charleston Conference** if you haven't.

This is courtesy of the **govdocs** listserv and **Kenneth P. Mortensen** (Teaching Fellow and Director of Operations, **Villanova Center for Information Law and Policy**, Villanova U. School of Law). Villanova is pleased to announce that the official **U.S. Air Force** historical database of **Supreme Court** decisions from its **FLITE** ("Federal Legal Information Through Electronics") system is now available via **Villanova's Web site**. The file consists of over 7400 Supreme Court opinions dating from 1937 through 1975, from volumes 300 through 422 of *U.S. Reports*. The database has been placed on the **Federal Court Locator's Supreme Court homepage** at: <<http://www.law.vill.edu/Fed-Ct/sct.html>>. Villanova now houses this historic database along with Internet archives for the **U.S. Courts of Appeals** for the 3d and 9th Circuits and the current archives for the **U.S. Supreme Court**. This is all available from **The Federal Court Locator**: <<http://www.law.vill.edu/Fed-Ct/fedcourt.html>>.

And speaking of government documents, one of my very most favorite people in the world is **Ridley Kessler** (UNC-CH documents librarian) who taught the most wonderful documents course at the **UNC-CH SILS**. Courtesy of Ridley, recently met **Barbara Levergood** of the same place.

And this piece of news off of the **cni-copyright** listserv. The **Copyright Office** appears to be safe at home in the **Library of Congress** at least for now. **Senator Orrin G. Hatch**, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, told a committee hearing it would be "premature" to merge the U.S. Copyright Office with the offices of patents and trademarks in a bill that would create a new "intellectual property" superagency. A spokesman for the committee staff said it was "likely" the Copyright Office would be dropped from the overhaul proposal. According to spectators, other senators at the hearing, including **Patrick Leahy** of Vermont, **Alan Simpson** of Wyoming and **Fred Thompson** of Tennessee, also expressed skepticism and called for further study of the matter. "My impression," Sen. Thompson said, "is that we have a solution in search of a problem." Authors, publishers, and librarians opposed the bill saying that the plan could keep authors from obtaining maximum protection on their works by quintupling copyright registration fees.

Colin Jones (once from **NYU Press**) is now President of **Routledge**.

Marilyn Geller <mgeller@readmore.com> wrote the other day to ask if *ATG* would be interested in publishing a meeting report on a **NASIG** continuing education program in Delaware. Marilyn says that they (**Joyce Tenney** is writing the report) would love to get it published in *ATG*! Wow! Please keep *ATG* at the top of your list for all your articles and meeting reports. And look at **And They Were There** in this issue, page 64.

Beau David Case <case.42@osu.edu> noticed that *ATG* v.7#4 was not indexed in **Carl UnCover**. We have sent them the missing issue and in the meantime, please let us know of problems like this. *ATG* is also indexed in **Library Literature** and in the **InfoSources** newsletter, and the **British BUBL** and **LISA** as well.

More changes. **Chris Beckett** (the fantastic) is joining **Dawson Information Group** as Publisher Relations Manager and will also be a member of the **Dawson Europe Management Team**. Unfortunately, Chris will not be in Charleston in November, but I'll bet we see him soon, and in the meantime the hard-charging **Diane Kerr** <KERR@dawson.co.uk> (General Manager UK Library Sales) is coming to the Conference!

Heard the other day from **Rita VanAssche Bueter**, who is moving to Dallas and won't be attending the Charleston Conf. this year, much to her (and our) dismay. She says she would like to keep getting *Against the Grain*, though and sends her change of address: Rita VanAssche Bueter, 5055 Pear Ridge Lane, Apt. 1724, Dallas, TX 75287.

Had a delightful lunch in Charleston with **Mary Ann Liebert** (Founder, President and CEO, **Mary Ann Liebert Publishers**) when she slipped through on the way to her *Genome* conference in Hilton Head in September. Wow! What a woman! Mary Ann was talking about a new journal she is starting, coming in 1997 — *Millennium Medicine*, a journal for the twenty-first century. What a great concept! Watch for it — probably in the fall of 1997.

Hats off to all the people who persevered with the mess in the Charleston Conference brochure mailing this year. Thank you **Nancy Stanley** (Penn State) <nms@psulias.psu.edu> and **Esther Ogirri** (Johnson C. Smith University) <web1220@charweb.org> and **Charles Withington** (Kluwer Academic Publishers) <cwithington@wkap.com> and **Eleanor Cook** <COOKEI@conrad.appstate.edu> and **Maryna Nowosielski** <man@ABS.NLC-BNC.CA> (National Library of Canada). **Shannon Sanko** (AMIGOS) <sabji@anugis.igrg> and **Mia Brazill** (Smith College) <MBRAZILL@smith.smith.edu> and everybody else! Cheers!

My relationship with my computer is kind of a love/hate thing. I don't think I could live without it anymore (remember typewriters?). But by the same token, who likes some[thing] which is perfect and never makes a mistake! Anyway, this diatribe is because of **Susan Campbell** (Director, York State University) who has just changed her email address to <scampbel@ycp.edu>. And I know if we don't write this down and keep it, then some computer somewhere will be angry if we use the wrong address and return the darned thing. Computers — can't live with 'em or without 'em.

Kitia Toure's novel *Destins Parsadietes* (1995, Nouvelles Editions Ivoiriennes, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire) has been named as the winner of the **1996 Noma Award for Publishing in Africa**. The is the second time in the Award's sixteen-year history that the winning book has been published in Cote d'Ivoire, and the third time that a novel in the French language has won. A record number of 176 titles, from 72 African publishers, in 19 countries, were submitted for the 1996 competition.

Speaking of addresses, **Rosanna O'Neil** <oneilrmc@catamart.com> has changed hers to: 102 Kensington Court, York, PA 17402. Wonder if she has met Susan (above)?

Joan Bartram (U. of Rhode Island) <bartram@salve5.salve.edu> says as a descendent of **Hattie Green**, the witch of Wall Street, she is looking forward to attending this year's Charleston Conference. She says she's always ready to discuss money.

It takes patience and perseverance to be a government documents librarian — especially these days. **Mary Bostick** (SC State Library, Columbia) <MARYB@LEO.SCSL.STATE.SC.US> definitely fills the bill. She sends word of a few useful Web sites — Historical Census Data for the United States 1790-1860 <<http://icg.harvard.edu/census/>>; Government Information Xchange <<http://www.info.gov/>>; and The Australian Governments' Entry Point <<http://www.nla.gov.au/oz/gov/>>.

Corrie Marsh (Ovid Technologies) <cmarsh@richmond.infi.net> is a true pistol. For an upcoming issue, she has collaborated with **Kim Long** (*American Forecaster*) to turn out a bam-zowie article. Watch for it.

James Danky <James.Danky@cmail.adp.wisc.edu> writes that he

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enjoys reading *ATG*. He says it's an interesting publication. A lot of work.

During ALA Midwinter, I attended an ALA Editions Focus Group on *Books for College Libraries*. Lots of neat people were there like **Peggy Johnson** (U. of Minnesota) [remember her article in the February issue of *ATG*, v.7#1] and **Murray Martin**. But I was sitting next to the neatest of all — **Glenda Alvin** <GMALVIN@TS-CVM.TCNJ.EDU> (Acquisitions/Collection Management Librarian, The College of New Jersey (formerly Trenton State College). Look for her in Charleston.

Speaking of work, **Celia Wagner** <WAGNER@BNAMF.BLACKWELL.COM> has been very hard-working and patient. Maybe it has something to do with her sense of humor (her post-it-notes are legendary). Anyway, Celia willingly and without complaint reminds all of the *ATG* ers what the deadline dates are for each issue of *ATG*. Sometimes she is confused by the editor, but she moves right along anyway. Thanks to Celia and all of you out there who write for *Against the Grain* and make "a lot of work" fun and rewarding!

I have known **Jane H. Tuten** <JANET@AIKEN.SCARO-LINA.EDU> a long time, way back when BC (before children). Jane has two daughters Katie who is almost 11 and Rebecca who is 6 and just starting first grade. Jane will be at the Conference and helping with the Hyde Park Corner breakfast on Saturday, November 9.

Was talking to **Charles Germain** (the grandfather) (Publishers Communication Group) the other day on the telephone. He says that married life with Pam is great and that they will both be at the Charleston Conference this year!

Way back when, **Cerise Oberman** and I collaborated on a book called *Theories of Bibliographic Instruction: Designs for Teaching* (Bowker, 1980). That book is still in print thanks to Bowker! And one of the people mentioned frequently in that book was **Mary Reichel** who is director at **Appalachian State University**. I don't believe that I have ever met Mary but am looking forward to doing so in Charleston!

If you don't know about this site, you should. It's all about words, wit, wisdom and humor to break the alliteration. Still, try visiting <<http://www.users.interport.net/~words1/index.html>>. You'll like it. Trust me.

AMIGOS Bibliographic Council, Inc. in partnership with the **University of Texas at Austin General Libraries** has received a \$493,600 contract awarded by the **Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB)** for management of the **TexShare** project during the period September 1, 1996 through August 31, 1997. In 1994, the 73rd Legislature committed \$1 million to the THECB to implement the **TexShare** library resource-sharing program which is a cooperative program designed to improve library services to students, faculty, and staff of the **Texas Council of State University Librarians (TCSUL)** libraries. Fifty-two libraries are members of TCSUL and all are located on campuses of Texas public universities and health care centers. The **TexShare Library Card Program**, **TexShare Website**, electronic transmission of interlibrary loans, and access to the **Federal Register** for all TexShare libraries are just some of the initiatives that have been realized since TexShare began. **Harold Billings**, Director of The General Libraries for the University of Texas at Austin, and **Bonnie Juergens**, Executive Director of AMIGOS, will serve as Co-Principal Investigators, providing guidance and oversight to TexShare programs.

If you run into **Janet Wagner** (Earlham College) <wagneja@earlham.edu>, be sure and tell her to subscribe to *Against the Grain*. She was asking for a sample copy to show her director because she had seen a copy at **Vassar College Library**. Was she visiting **Betty Oktay**?

And speaking of Earlham College, the incredible (what great ideas he is constantly coming up with) **Evan Farber** is coming to the **Charleston Conference** to speak about "Books not for college libraries." Intriguing idea.

The **Canadian Institute for Scientific and Technical Information (CISTI)** has recently made **SwetScan** available on the World Wide Web. **SwetScan** allows you to search tables of contents of 14,000 journals from around the world in all subjects. The **SwetScan** table of contents database is

updated weekly and is available with both an English and French interface. Of course, document ordering features are available and can be customized to an organization's requirements. The CISTI homepage is <<http://www.nrc.ca.cisti>> or try <cisti.swetscan@nrc.ca>.

Just released by the **Book Industry Study Group (BISG)** — *A Guide to Book Publishers' Archives*, a survey of 20th century American publishers' archives undertaken by **Arizona State University's Scholarly Publishing Program** and directed by the amazing **Beth Luey**, BISG Chair. The *Guide* contains descriptions of the archival collections of more than 600 U.S. publishers including small fine arts presses, trade houses, religious publishers, university presses and professional societies — from large firms established in the 19th century to recent start-ups. The *Guide* (144 pages, ISBN: 094001663x) costs \$25 for non-members and is free to BISG members. The BISG Web site <<http://www.bisg.org>> contains detailed information about the contents as well as a form to fill in with information about your own publishing house!

Forrest Link (Midwest) <link@midwestls.com> called from the *ATG* Web page. He said that the weather was changing up in New Jersey and he was looking forward to visiting Charleston. In the meantime, Forrest wrote a wonderful "On the Road." See this issue page 93.

EBSCO Subscription Services has released updated price projections for 1997 Subscriptions. Recent world events affecting currency markets have changed the outlook on 1997 journal subscription prices for buyers in several countries. Since preliminary projections in February, projected prices for U.S. journals has increased for subscribers billed in British pounds, Dutch guilders, French francs, German marks, Spanish pesetas, and South African rands. Projected increases for European journals will be higher than last projected for subscribers paying with German marks and South African rands and lower for those paying with Canadian dollars, Italian lira, and U.S. dollars.

James O'Donnell <jod@ccat.sas.upenn.edu> sends word via CNI copyright listserv that for a general, very accessible article on the problems of digital copyright, see: **Ann Okerson** (Yale University), "Who Owns Digital Works," *Scientific American*, July 1995, p. 80+. Or URL: <<http://www.sciam.com/WEB/0796issue/0796okerson.html>>.

Oops. Forgot to tell you that **Blackwell's** has announced the launch of a development project to provide access to electronic journals. Thirteen North American libraries have agreed to serve as partners in the project to assist in the design of the user interface, help resolve licensing issues with publishers, and to determine the best access options. They are — **Cleveland State Library**, **Dartmouth College**, **Michigan State University**, **Ohio State University**, **San Diego State University**, **Simon Fraser University**, **University of Chicago**, **University of Minnesota**, **Duluth, University of New Hampshire**, **University of Tennessee**, **Knoxville, University of Texas Health Science Center**, **San Antonio**, **University of Utah**, and **University of Western Ontario**. A total of forty libraries will be participating in the project including major academic and corporate libraries in the UK, Australia, New Zealand and continental Europe. Publishers participating in the initial stages of the project are — **ASLIB**, **Blackwell Science**, **Blackwell Publishers**, **Chapman and Hall**, **Institute of Mechanical Engineers**, **John Wiley and Sons**, **Kluwer**, **Oxford University**, **Rapid Science Publisher**, and **Taylor and Francis**. The contents of 250 electronic journals will be available initially in the project. Content of each journal will vary from publisher to publisher but will minimally include tables of contents, abstracts and articles. One of the aims is to provide access to material irrespective of location or format. The most prevalent format is **Adobe PDF**, but material in **Catchword RealPage** format and **HTML** is also included.

As a result of cooperative efforts between the U.S. publishing industry and organizations representing the blind, legislation was signed into law in September that will give blind readers ready access to newly published books and other reading materials. The special exemption to the **Copyright Act**, which allows previously published non-dramatic literary works to be reproduced and distributed in specialized formats for the blind without the need to obtain permission from the copyright holder, was signed as part of a funding bill for the Legislative Branch (including the **Library of Congress**). The provision was originally drafted as an amendment to the **National Information Infrastructure** copyright bills, but when those bills became bogged down in committee, **Senator John Chafee** (R-RI), with

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the support of AAP (Association of American Publishers, Inc.), the National Federation of the Blind, and the Software Publishers Association, had the provision incorporated into the legislative appropriations bill.

This came of the law library listserv. **Kevin M. Marmion**, Vice President of Operations of **William S. Hein & Co., Inc.**, and employed with the company for twenty-six years, was named President in September. Mr. Hein, who has served as President since 1976, will become Chairman of the Board and will continue an active role in the company, concentrating on international markets, and as a consultant to the new President. **Bonnie L. Morton** and **Susan H. McClinton**, family members, will remain Secretary and Treasurer of the corporation, respectively. **Daniel P. Rosati** will continue as Vice President of Research and Development and **Richard J. Spinelli**, who is based in Chicago, will continue as Vice President of Sales. **William S. Hein & Co., Inc.** is the world's largest distributor of legal periodicals, a major microform publisher, and one of the leading legal periodical subscription agents in the United States. In addition, the company is a publisher and reprinter of law and related materials; a major source of out-of-print government documents; one of the world's largest book dealers in the legal field; and more recently, a CD-ROM publisher. **William S. Hein & Co., Inc.** began operations in 1960 from the home of William and Ilene Hein. William S. Hein, Sr. passed away in 1976 while Mrs. Hein remains an asset to the organization, volunteering her services and expertise in both operational and editorial areas. In 1983, William S. Hein & Co., Inc., purchased the Fred O. Dennis Company, which was one of the oldest law book publishers in the country. The company currently owns six buildings, totaling more than a half-million square feet of warehouse space, in downtown Buffalo. Contact: <wsheinco@class.org>

Just had a neat conversation with **Steve Johnson** at **Clemson University** here in good old South Carolina. Steve, the official beer guru of the **Charleston Conference**, and his lovely wife **Maria** just got a collie (whenever little children see her they call her "Lassie") from Costa Rica, where Maria's family lives. Steve said that they spent several months waiting for the dog because of various health restrictions of the two governments. The dog's name is **Skye** and I hope that Steve and Maria will have her at the **Charleston Conference**. Bet she has great taste in beer.

That same day had another great conversation with **Inge Valentine**, now at **AIP**. Inge tells me that **AIP** is divesting itself of its book division, but she is still working and busy on new projects. What a woman. And, yes, Inge will be at the **Charleston Conference** and, yes, I interviewed her, and, yes, we are working on it ...

Speaking of which — **ATG's** interview with the incomparable **Arthur Brody** (founder of **Brodart**) will be published in the Dec/Jan (ALA Midwinter) issue of **ATG**. Stay tuned.

Let's see, the **Institute for Scientific Information® (ISI)** is adding **Focus On: Psychopharmacology** to its **Focus On:** line of highly targeted databases. These diskette products provide researchers with current bibliographic information and author abstracts on research literature from within their specialized fields. For more info, contact **Julianne Cody** <jcody@isinet.com>.

Jill O'Neill has changed jobs at **Elsevier**. She is coming to the **Charleston Conference** so ask her about it.

Dr. Patricia A. Phillips <pPhillips@utep.edu> has moved from the University of the South, Sewanee, TN, to the **University of Texas at El Paso** where she is Associate University Librarian for Technical Services. Let's congratulate her when we see her in Charleston, okay?

SoftLine Information, publisher of **Ethnic NewsWatch (ENW)** has unveiled **Women 'R'** a new fulltext database of the periodicals, academic journals, newsletters, magazines, regional publications and government reports focused on women's issues. Developed with the encouragement of the **Collections Development Committee of ACRL's Women's Studies Section**, **Women 'R'** presents in-depth coverage of the wide range of subjects that impact and reflect the lives of women and adds a new dimension to the accessibility of the diverse coverage that makes up the body of women's literature. The first CD-ROM will be available in November 1996 containing over 10,000 fulltext articles. Contact: **Nathan**

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Adams at 203-975-8292.

Just got a packet of information on the **Canadian Library Association's** 1997 annual meeting to be held in Ottawa from June 18-22, *Reinventing Libraries* is the theme.

In 1993 the **Academic Press Dictionary of Science and Technology** was recognized as one of *American Libraries'* Outstanding References. Now we hear that this book is available on multiplatform CD-ROM for only \$79.95. Sounds like a good deal to me.

The newly combined company of **Data Trek, Inc.** and **IME, Ltd.**, has changed its name to **Electronic Online Systems International (EOS)**. EOS International currently serves over 6,500 clients in 85 countries, in all types of libraries. Data Trek CEO, **Scot Cheatham**, is now CEO of EOS International, while former IME CEO **Kate Noerr** has become EOS International's new Strategic Planning Director. **Mark Patterson**, Data Trek Vice President of Sales and Marketing, has become the Managing Director of the European headquarters office in addition to overseeing Marketing from a global perspective. EOS International is the Electronic Information and Technical Services Division of Dawson Holdings, PLC, a billion dollar information services company founded in 1809. Contact: **Leigh Connor** at <market-ing@eosintl.com> or 800-876-5484.

The vivacious and patient (she had trouble getting her copies of *ATG* — oops) **Sharon O'Connell** (once with **VCH Publishers**) has recently accepted the position of **Baker & Taylor's** northeast sales representative for the Academic Market. Sharon will work with the equally vivacious **Dana Alessi**, B&T's director of academic sales & marketing. In her new position, Sharon is responsible for meeting with academic, corporate, medical and special library customers in New York and New England. With work experience at **Elsevier Science**, **Abbeville Press**, and **George Braziller Publisher**, she was a founder of the VCH Library Advisory Board. Sharon can be reached in New York City at 800-775-7930, ext.1660.

Looking forward to meeting **Linda A. Brown** <lbrown@bg-net.bgsu.edu> (Coordinator, Collection Management, Jerome Library, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio 43403), who will be attending her first Charleston Conference. She is coming (and speaking) at **Buzzy Basch's** "Prioritizing Serials" preconference.

And one of my favorite and always smiling people (makes you feel good just to see him) **John Heaton** (Appalachian State University) — charter member of the Charleston Conference — is retiring in September, 1997, so he says he is coming to the Charleston Conference "one last time." **Hrumph!**

But, speaking of retirement, John, **Azalee Sain** (NC Community Colleges) says she is coming to the Charleston Conference anyway. She always has such a good time. You might want to follow her example.

While some of us were "chilling out" (I guess that expression is now out of vogue, or so my thirteen-year-old daughter tells me) on the beach, others were traveling all over the world. **Don Jaeger** and **Dora Biblarz** for two — to **IFLA** in Beijing, China. Stay tuned for Dora's report coming soon ...

Okay. Courtesy of **Peter Beck** (AALL Director of Publications — did you see his letter to *ATG* in v.8#3, p. 7), just got a copy of the first (v.1#1) *AALL Spectrum*. That's the **American Association of Law Libraries** new monthly magazine (except for January and August). The *AALL Newsletter* has ceased with v.27#10 (July 1996). And the *AALL Spectrum* is, like, pretty cool. Color. Ads. All kinds of articles and news on the AALL. Peter is looking forward to comments. Why not write him at <aallbeck@ix.netcom.com>.

Beginning in 1997, **EBSCO Subscription Services** and **Academic Press** will embark on a joint project that makes online serials management a reality. Through a World Wide Web-based online serials management service, code-named **EBSCO Online Subscriptions (EOS)**, two Academic Press journals, *Genomics* and *Journal of Molecular Biology*, will be available via the Web. As the newest Web-based application for EBSCO, EOS will facilitate ordering and access functions associated with online journals. Easy access to online journals has been a concern for many end users and

publishers alike because of authentication and password control issues. With EOS, customers only need one password to access any of the online serials they subscribe to. For more information, visit <http://www.ebsco.com> or <http://www.apnet.com>

There's a market, apparently, in domain (as in Internet) names. Who would have guessed? Read all about it in the latest issue of *Intellectual Property Strategist*.

Was perusing my snail mail the other day (this is getting harder and harder to do what with all this electronic mess, isn't it?) and ran across a neat publisher newsletter from **Open Horizons** (Fairfield, Iowa). One of their interesting books just published: *Cyber Crime — How to Protect Yourself from Computer Criminals* by **Laura E. Quarantiello**. Plus did you know, for example, that November is Peanut Butter Lover's Month?

Melissa Cain (UNC School of Information and Library and Science) <cain.ils@mhs.unc.edu> writes that the renovations to the SILS building are done and they look terrific. There is a "new" library/computer facility that is state-of-the-art and even a beautiful and elegant conference room.

And, while she was cutting broccoli for dinner **Nancy Dennis** was thinking of **PDF** (she says that cooking is such a creative process...). See this issue, page 90.

Well, one person will be absent at the 16th **Charleston Conference** who is usually always there. Sob. **Barry Fast** is missing the conference for the first time in forever because, of all things, his daughter **Beckie** is getting married. The nerve of him!

And speaking of Barry, he has turned over his book reviewing column to **Tom Leonardt**. Check it out in this issue, page 58.

The **Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE)** will make available their journal *Electronic Letters* and all 12 *IEE Proceedings* at their Web site beginning January 1997. Articles will be stored in PDF format and may be viewed and printed using the Adobe™ Acrobat™ Reader. Subscriptions to **IEE Online Journals** will be priced at the same cost for the equivalent print versions. Location of the Web site: <http://www.iee.org.uk/publish/journals/prof/jml/ejo.html>.

And the ubiquitous **Lyman Newlin** (I think he could make a fortune peddling his energy) sends word that **Tønnes Bekker-Nielsen**, Director Aarhus Universitetsforlag encourages attendance at the upcoming **International Association of Scholarly Publishers' Sixth International Conference on Scholarly Publishing** to be held in Vancouver next year. The "First Announcement — Call For Papers" circulars for the meeting which will be titled "From Scholar To Scholar" are out. If you'd like a copy of the **IASP** brochure, let Lyman know — P.O. Box 278, Lewiston, NY 14092 or email <broadwater@ag.net>.

More from Lyman who predicts that the fall, 1996 catalog of **Gibbs M. Smith, Publisher** (Layton, Utah) will be a collector's item. Why? The front cover depicts "Kroch's & Brentano's Bookstore December Rush Hour On Wabash Avenue." Verso is Gibbs' letter of testimony. The catalog's back cover reproduces Smith's "Full Moon Rising Over the Chicago Art Museum." If you haven't gotten a copy, write Gibbs M. Smith Publisher, P.O. Box 667, Layton, Utah 84041.

MFL. See *Publishers Weekly* (September 30, p. 26). Why again? Because there is a picture of Lyman's old friend, **Oscar Shoenfeld** along with a story about his new book, *Some Remembered Words* (author: Oscar Shoenfeld. Publisher: Academy (Chicago). ISBN 0897334396. Writes Lyman: "Oscar was at the top of the list of reps who read books; many in addition to those he was peddling."

And **Keith Schmiedl** was not at the **Charleston Conference** because he is traveling to Australia. I've tried to get the airplanes to only to fly one place (Charleston) during 7-9 November, but negotiations have deadlocked. Maybe next year ...

I guess I am showing both my age (and my sentiment) when I get teary-eyed remembering the great **Otto Rapp**, once with Pergamon, now deceased. My big regret is that I never interviewed Otto who had the most wonderful stories and adventures to recount. To get a glimpse, read this issue's wonderful interview with the alive and well and living in the U.S. **Eckart Scheffler**, this issue, page 34. 